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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL TORONTO DATED MAY 7, 1976
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SUBJ: TORONTO SUN'S 5 MAY COVERAGE OF GENERAL DARE OF RCMP
LETTER REGARDING HALT OF SECURITY CHECKS ON SEPARATISTS

AS THE TORONTO SUN DID NOT PRINT IN ENTIRETY THE FEBRUARY 1976
LETTER FROM GENERAL MICHAEL DARE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE RCMP,
TO ROBIN BOURNE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
THE MINISTRY OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, THE FOLLOWING ARE SUCH
EXCERPTS AS THE 5 MAY SUB DID QUOTE:

RE: SPECIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE - SECURITY POLICY IN RELATION
TO QUEBEC SEPARATISM.

"PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1975 ADVISING THAT THE
PRIME MINISTER HAD ISSUED CERTAIN GUIDELINES RESTRICTING THE
SECURITY SERVICE'S INQUIRIES WITH REGARD TO THE PARTI
QUEBECOIS."

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"WHEN I DISCUSSED THE CRITERIA USED TO INVESTIGATE THE PARTI

QUEBECOIS AND ITS MEMBERS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, HE STATED THAT THE SECURITY SERVICE OF THE RCMP DOES NOT HAVE A MANDATE TO CONDUCT THESE INQUIRIES UNLESS THEY FALL WITHIN ITEMS A TO F OF THE ROLE, TASKS AND METHODS OF THE RCMP SECURITY SERVICE."

"I HAVE ACCORDINGLY ISSUED AN INSTRUCTION THAT ALL INQUIRIES BEING CONDUCTED ON THE PARTI QUEBECOIS AND ITS MEMBERS CEASE UNLESS THEY FALL WITHIN ITEMS A TO F OF THE ROLE, TASKS AND METHODS OF THE RCMP SECURITY SERVICE."

"ALTHOUGH THE PRIME MINISTER SPOKE SPECIFICALLY OF THE PARTI QUEBECOIS, OPERATIONALLY WE HAVE APPLIED HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR INVESTIGATIONS OF SEPARATISM GENERALLY".

"CONSEQUENTLY, THE SECURITY SERVICE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SECURITY SCREENING INFORMATION TO DEPUTY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICSI (GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL SECURITY COMMITTEE) GUIDELINES RELATIVE TO 'SEPARATIST SYMPATHIES, ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVITIES...'
THIS FACT SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO ALL APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT."

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